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Applicants: Ibara, et al.
Title: Page Holder Enabling Unencumbered Manual Page Turning
Examiner/GAU: Amy J. Sterling/3632

San José, December 19, 2005

Petition to Invoke Supervisory Authority Under CFR 1.181

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2005, applicants request overruling of the objection to the drawings:

REMARKS: Remarks begin on page 2 of this document.

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REMARKS—General

The Office Action stated an objection to the drawings, citing that the spring-biased reel 14 of Claim 4 was not shown. Applicants respectfully request overruling of this objection for the following reasons:

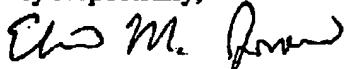
Applicants' drawings show a "self-retracting reel" 14 labeled as such in the Reference Numerals section on Page 4 of the original application. The Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment (also on Page 4) states, "The reel 14 can be made from metal or plastic, and in the preferred embodiment *utilizes a metal spring*" (emphasis supplied).

In addition, the Description of an Alternate Reel Mechanism on Page 8 of the application states, "Instead of a *spring-biased reel* [described above in the preferred embodiment], our page holder can also function using a reel 22 tensioned by means of a rubber band 24, a braided elastic band, or similar material" (emphasis supplied).

For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that the drawings show every feature of the invention (including the spring-biased reel), and respectfully request overruling of the objection.

This matter is representative of the consistently careless manner in which our application has been examined, to applicants' great frustration. Moreover, Examiner has ignored two written requests for constructive assistance, in documents faxed on October 20, 2004 and May 7, 2005. Applicants' invention solves a centuries-old problem, and is under development by world-renowned manufacturer Jim Dunlop. Applicants submit that our case merits competent consideration. While this Petition is mainly regarding the recent drawing objection, applicants would be grateful for any additional assistance the Director might be able to provide.

Very respectfully,



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